

national park service

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New Year's Eve at Point Reyes National Seashore

On New Year's Eve and New Year's Day, all beaches, trails, backcountry campgrounds, and visitor centers will be open to the public at Point Reyes National Seashore. However, park staff will not issue fire permits that extend beyond 10:00 pm for the nights of December 31st and January 1st.

Park rangers will walk beaches to remind any groups with beach fires that the fires must be extinguished by 10:00 pm on the nights of the December 31st and January 1st. Rangers will also be actively patrolling park areas to reduce the potential for vandalism and for protection of park resources.

Park staff will continue to monitor and prepare for the new millennium by checking all utility systems and related facilities, such as sewer and water, in the park. No problems are anticipated related to the change in the year.

As a reminder, January 1st will be the first day that the winter shuttle operation will be in effect. The shuttle buses will run on weekends and holidays from January 1st through most of April, weather permitting. On the days the shuttle is operating, Sir Francis Drake Blvd. at South Beach will be closed to the public from 9:00 am until 5:15 pm. Access to the Point Reyes Headlands for whale watching and viewing the elephant seal colony will be via shuttles

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Point Reyes National Seashore

Point Reyes Station, California 94956

from the Drakes Beach parking lot. The cost for the shuttle is \$3.50 per person, with children 12 and under riding free. Tickets may be purchased at the Ken Patrick Visitor Center after 9:00 am and until 3:00 pm.

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